

GREAT SUMMERS

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YMCA Day Camp | 2021



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Where will Summer Day Camp take place?

A: Camp will be offered at two locations in Athens (Athens-McMinn Family YMCA and Athens Church of Christ). A Summer Learning support program will be offered at Niota Elementary.

Q: If there are multiple locations, how will I know which location my child (ren) will attend?

A: You will be notified via email by May 17th which location your child will attend. Children will be divided by grouping ages and siblings at the same location.

Q: I am trying to register my child but the online registration says they do not meet the age requirements. What should I do?

A: Email our staff at ecc@athensmcminnymca.org if you receive this error. Space is limited for four year olds due to licensing requirements.

Q: Why do we have to select the days we want in advance for summer camp?

A: We offer a 5-day option, a 3-day option (MWF), and a 2-day option (T/TH). Our team tries to match up available spots in the camp. There will be attendance requirements in order to hold your spot for Essential Worker Child Care Grants.

Q: What will happen if my child is unable to attend for all of the days registered and we participate in the Essential Worker Grant?

A: If your child has two unexcused absences in one-week, missing camp without communication will result in forfeiting your grant spot as spots are limited. We have a waiting list of campers that we refer to when a spot opens up.

Q: We are not an essential worker and do not qualify for the zero-fee Essential Worker Grant. Can my child still attend?

A: Yes— there will be a weekly fee for camp if you do not qualify for the Essential Worker grant program. There will also be a fee for camp if you do not meet program requirements by April 30, 2021.

Q: Is there a deadline to register for camp?

A: We will accept registrations until all spots are full. However, there is a **FIRM** April 30th deadline in order to qualify for the Essential Worker program. We will not be able to process Essential Worker Grant Applications after April 30th. Applications are not complete until all requirements are met. See below.

Q: What requirements must be met to qualify for Summer Essential Worker Child Care grant?

A: You must be enrolled in the Essential Worker grant program by April 30, 2021. This means you must register for summer programming, complete the Essential Worker and proof of residency process, and be actively attending. You must attend the program twice in April and twice in May to meet attendance requirements.

Q: Why is this active attendance required?

A: This is a requirement from the Tennessee Department of Human Services in order to be eligible for the grant through August 31, 2021. Children must attend in April & May to receive the grant moving forward. In order for our YMCA to be able to offer this program through the summer, these were the terms required.

Q: When can my kids attend in April & May in order to meet the attendance requirements?

A: Your child can attend Monday–Friday between 2:15pm–6pm. They can also attend on Wednesdays between 7:30am–6pm. Email ecc@athensmcmminnymca.org for availability and to let us know when you plan to attend.

Q: I have been participating in the essential worker grant. Why am I being asked to pay a \$20 registration fee and why are weekly rates showing up on the screen?

A: Not everyone is eligible for the grant. Everyone should sign up and pay the registration fee and select the attendance options listed: Summer Camp—Weekly, Summer Camp—M,W,F, or Summer Camp—T/TH. Once you register, staff will verify your grant eligibility and that you have met requirements for this segment. Staff will apply your grant to your account and your account will not be drafted. You will receive a refund for the \$20 registration fee.

Q: How will I know if my child has been accepted?

A: If you were able to register, then your child has a spot for camp. You will be notified via email once you have been accepted to the Essential Worker grant program. If you do not meet grant eligibility requirements